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said article including in the area of the second end portion at least two mechanical tape fasteners, the mechanical tape fasteners adapted to be, upon application of the article, detachably interconnected with one or several fastening parts disposed on the outer layer of the first end portion and being complementary to said mechanical tape fasteners, wherein the two mechanical tape fasteners are oppositely arranged on the inner layer of the article at opposite side portions of said second end portion, the two mechanical tape fasteners each have one longitudinal and one transversal extension, said mechanical tape fasteners are each permanently joined to the inner layer of the article by means of a first bonding face arranged on a first end part of each of the tape fasteners, a second bonding face is arranged on an opposite second end part of each of the tape fasteners, prior to use of the article, the tape fasteners are arranged in a folded storage condition, each one of said tape fasteners being formed with an odd number of folds and the first and second bonding faces being turned towards the inner layer of the article, the second end parts of the two tape fasteners extend toward one another in said storage condition and in the storage condition of said article, each of the tape fasteners includes a first fold part that is joined to at least one other fold part by means of a bond, said bond being breakable in order to secure the second bonding face to the one or several fastening parts.

2. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein in their condition of storage, the tape fasteners are arranged in their entirety on the inner layer, with laterally outermost end edges of the tape fasteners being located interiorly of the lateral edges of said lateral portions.

3. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein in the condition of storage of the article, the mechanical tape fasteners comprise one fold only and in that the one fold forms the laterally outermost end edge of the tape fastener in said storage condition, the first fold part by means of said breakable bond is connected to the first end part and which covers the latter, and in that when the second bonding face is in said folded storage condition, the opposite second end part is located laterally interiorly of the first end part.

4. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second bonding face is in the form of hooks of a hook-and-loop fastener and the complementary fastening part forms the other half of the hook-and-loop fastener and is made from a material, in which the hooks are able to fasten, said material being formed with apertures, loops or fibre filaments for co-operation with the hooks.

5. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 4, wherein the inner layer of the article comprises fibres to which the hooks of the second bonding face fasten to form a

weak bond relatively to the hook-and-loop fastener and said bond between the first fold part and the first end part.

6. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 3, wherein the outermost end part of each of the mechanical tape fasteners is coated with a pressure-sensitive adhesive providing a weak adhesion force.

7. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein said breakable bond is designed to ensure that a force in the range of 0.2 to 2N is required to separate from one another joined-together tape-fastener strips having a width of 40mm.

8. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bond is in the form of a pattern of points or lines, and the bond is breakable without damage to the tape fastener.

9. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanical tape fasteners have a width of between 30 and 10 mm.

10. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanical tape fasteners comprise at least one elastic part disposed between the first end part and the second end part, said elastic part arranged to stretch upon occurrence of load during use of the article.

A1 B 11. (Amended) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mechanical tape fasteners do not stretch upon occurrence of load during use of the article.

Please add new claims 12 and 13 as follows:

A2 B1 12. (New) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein the article is a baby diaper or an incontinence diaper.

13. (New) An article as claimed in claim 1, wherein said breakable bond is designed to ensure that a force in the range of 0.5 to 1.5N is required to separate from one another joined-together tape-fastener strips having a width of 40mm. WA